

**County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSa)  
CalWORKs Program Guide**

**School Attendance Requirement**

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**Background**

The California Work Opportunity and Responsibility for Kids (CalWORKs) program mandates all children in a CalWORKs Assistance Unit (AU) age 16 and above, and for whom school attendance is mandatory, regularly attend school. In addition, CalWORKs provisions require penalties for the teens who are not meeting the school attendance requirement.

Effective January 1, 2015, CalWORKs AUs will not have their grant reduced when the Eligibility Worker learns that a child under 16 years of age is not regularly attending school.

**Note:** For purposes of the school attendance requirement, Maximum Family Grant (MFG) children are considered recipient members of the AU and subject to the school attendance requirement.

**Policy**

**42-100.D.1 School Attendance**

A child is presumed to be attending school unless he or she has been deemed a chronic truant pursuant to Section 48263.6 of the Education Code.

**42-100.D.2 Exemption**

The following children are exempt from CalWORKs school attendance requirement:

- A pregnant or parenting teen eligible for Cal-Learn.
- A child who has graduated from high school or its equivalent.
- Children not included in the CalWORKs assistance unit, such as children aided under Foster Care, SSI, or children who are undocumented immigrants.

**42-100.D.3 Pregnant and Parenting Teens**

Pregnant or parenting teens in the Cal-Learn program must meet the Cal-Learn school attendance requirements. For information on these requirements refer to the Cal-Learn section: [CPG 15-000 C. Participation Requirements](#).

**Procedure:**

None.

**Impacts:**

None.

**References:**

[EAS 40-105.5](#)

[ACL 15-22](#)

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